

# BRITISH AND FRENCH FIGHT WAY INTO COMBLES

## GERMANS MAKE FINAL STAND IN POCKETED TOWN

Gap Closed by Capture of  
Fregicourt.

### TEUTONS ADMIT DEFEAT

Officially Report Before Ru-  
manians.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—British and French troops today reached the town of Combles, on the Somme front, after having virtually pocketed the place in a struggle of many weeks' duration and are fighting to gain complete possession of it.

Attacking from the north, British troops have forced their way into the place, London reports, and are overcoming the German resistance there.

On the south the French have reached the town's edge and have penetrated the cemetery. In addition, they have further closed the small opening left in the Combles pocket by capturing all of the village of Fregicourt a mile to the east.

### Leave Roadless Gap.

The Combles salient, doggedly maintained by the Germans, has long been a serious hindrance to the allies, hampering them in their offensive toward Bapaume and Peronne. Its elimination, however, seemed imminent after Monday's combined thrust by the Franco-British forces which carried them to Moral, on the one side, and Fregicourt on the other, leaving as a line of retreat for the Germans only a roadless gap a mile and a half in width, swept by the allied guns.

### Held Fast Like Rock.

Turned into a strongly fortified position by German defensive ingenuity.

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## William Stryker Surrenders Himself

TULSA, Okla., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—William Stryker, editor of the Tulsa Democrat, was arrested here today on a warrant charging criminal libel against James P. Evers, county attorney. The warrant was issued following the appearance of an article in the Democrat in which the county attorney was accused of misrepresenting facts to the district court regarding the cases against four defendants charged with bootlegging. The cases were dismissed.

Sheriff James Wooley was unable to locate the editor Monday night after the warrant was issued but he was communicated with over the telephone today and surrendered himself to the sheriff.

## Accused Slayer of Judge Arrested

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 26.—David D. Overton, accused of the murder of Probate Judge W. T. Lawler, in Huntsville last June, according to information received here by Solicitor Joseph R. Tate, was arrested today at Smithville, Tenn.

## Chicago's Giant Policeman Dies

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Edward E. Martini, Chicago's biggest policeman, died today. He weighed 431 pounds and was six feet, two inches tall. For years he was a member of the gambling squad where he was of great value in breaking down doors in raids by leaning against them.

## GUERRILLA WIRES HE HAS CAPTURED VERA CRUZ PORT

Laura Cejuda Cables News of  
Victory to El Paso.

EL PASO, Sept. 26.—The family of the late Miguel Ahumada, who was governor of Chihuahua during the Diaz regime, received a message from Vera Cruz last night from Laura Cejuda, a guerrilla fighter connected with many factions, in which Cejuda says he captured Vera Cruz Monday. The message was sent by cable from Vera Cruz by way of Galveston.

Cejuda is a name little known here, apart from subordinate commands in the old Mexican federal army and later under Orozco and Zapata. He is not known to have had any connection with Villa and is believed by the nationalist party leaders here to be operating independently at the present time, if his claim of taking Vera Cruz is true.

## UPTO GOVERNOR



Governor Charles S. Whitman.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—Governor Whitman has promised to meet here this afternoon a committee representing members of the state legislature from Manhattan and the Bronx to hear their request for a special session of the legislature to "deal with the situation" resulting from the threat of a general strike in sympathy with the car men. No method of dealing with the proposed strike was set forth by the committee, but it was pointed out that the power of the public service commission was inadequate.

Hugh Frayne, an officer of the American Federation of Labor, and one of the directors of the strike movement, said today that assurances had been received by the labor leaders that 260,000 organized workers will quit work Wednesday.

## 500 Scouts to Be Registered Here By 1917

Local Council and Master Idea  
Appeals to Prominent Men  
Who Discuss Plan.

If the plans of prominent business and professional men in Oklahoma City go through—and they never allow their plans to fail—there will be 500 boy scouts registered in this city before camping time next year and all will be under the general jurisdiction of a scout commissioner and local council, composed of the biggest men in town.

A meeting of prominent men was held last night and fifteen were tentatively selected as the council. They will meet next Tuesday night at the First Lutheran church to perfect organization and, perhaps, elect a scout commissioner. The gathering was exceedingly enthusiastic.

It is probable that a call will be issued for all boy scouts in Oklahoma City to assemble Friday, school children's day, at the State Fair grounds and hold a meeting there to create unusual enthusiasm in the work. It is also likely that a mass meeting to promote enthusiasm and membership will be held in the city shortly.

The tentative council's plan is said to be establishment of districts, to be so distributed that every boy in the city may become a member of the scouts and all receive the same instruction once a week.

Carolina Guard to Border.  
MOREHEAD CITY, N. C., Sept. 26.—The Second regiment, North Carolina guard, started early today for border duty at El Paso.

## Showers Wednesday, Local Prediction

Local Forecast—Partly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Wednesday; probable showers Wednesday.

State Forecast—Tonight unsettled; Wednesday unsettled and cooler with showers in central and western portion.

ARKANSAS—Generally fair.

WEST TEXAS—Generally fair; cooler in Panhandle.

KANSAS—Unsettled; probable showers and cooler.

WEATHER FORECAST  
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BY THE  
U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

"Zimmie"

## REINSTATEMENT OF STRIKERS IS RECOMMENDED

Increased Pay for Stagehands  
Requested.

### ARBITRATORS' FINDINGS

Union Actors' Proposition Left  
in Abeyance.

Reinstatement, at an advance in wages, of all stage hands who went out on strike is recommended by the state board of arbitration and conciliation in a report submitted today following its investigation of the differences between Oklahoma City theater managers and owners and striking employees.

The recommendation of the board states, among other things: "We recommend that the stage employees and local managers enter into a contract, embracing the following points: That nothing but union stage employees be employed in the city in theaters controlled by the above managers; that the rate of wages be increased \$3 per week in accordance with the demand of the stage employees at the time of the strike, which makes the rate of wages as follows: Master carpenters, \$24 per week; property managers, \$18 per week; assistant carpenters, \$18 per week, the said week's work to consist of seven days.

### As to Hours of Work.

"We further recommend that the hours of work be so arranged by the managers that it will be unnecessary for stage employees to report before 11 o'clock a. m., that they have proper relief periods for lunch and supper, and that they be not required to work later than 10:30 p. m.

"We further recommend that all of the employees who were formerly employed by the managers in this city, including members of the stage employees, motion picture operators and musicians' union be reinstated at once, as outlined in the foregoing, without prejudice, and that within forty-eight hours after a settlement of this part of the controversy, that a committee representing each of the three organizations mentioned and the managers, meet in conference and draw up a contract for each of the organizations, embracing the terms and conditions of employment at this time, and herein recommended."

Concerning Actors.  
The board makes no recommendations as to the proposition of Oklahoma City theaters, employing only "White Rat Union" actors, taking the position that Oklahoma City being only one of a great chain of cities on vaudeville circuits, any recommendation by the state board would be of no effect. On this proposition the board says:

"As to the proposition of theater managers using nothing but members of the White Rat union, the board does not feel qualified, at this time, to pass

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## Southern Pacific Makes Half More

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—A gain of 50.14 percent in net income is reported by the Southern Pacific company in its detailed report for the fiscal year ended June 30 last, that item increasing from \$20,570,319 to \$30,885,254. The gross income increased from \$49,647,992 to \$60,893,006, an increase of 21.64 percent and net revenue from railway operations increased from \$42,111,833 to \$55,250,570, a gain of 31.20 percent.

## Ambassador Gerard Leaves Germany

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, and Mrs. Gerard, left Berlin today for Copenhagen, whence Mrs. Gerard will sail for the United States Thursday.

## SPAIN PROTESTS AGAINST GERMAN U-BOAT ATTACKS

Vigorous Submarine Note Is  
Sent to Berlin.

MADRID, Sept. 26.—The Spanish government has sent a note to Berlin protesting energetically against the torpedoing of Spanish steamers by German submarines.

Recent dispatches from Spain said that indignation was growing throughout the country over the loss of Spanish ships through the operation of German submarines.

## Villa Bandits Moving Toward U. S. Forces

FIELD QUARTERS, Mex., Sept. 26, (via Radio to Columbus, N. M.)—Pacheco Villa and his bandit command are moving northward toward the American expedition army force according to reports received today at field headquarters from a source described as being very reliable. Villa is reported to have crossed the Northwestern railroad at San Andres, twenty-five miles southwest of Chihuahua City, where a slight skirmish is said to have occurred between Villistas and Carranza troops.

## Use of Pulmotor Maintains Life in Paralysis Victim

BALTIMORE, Sept. 26.—For eleven hours artificial respiration has kept alive Adrian Duesberg, 7 years old, son of Prof. Duesberg, noted embryologist, who came here from Liege after the German occupation of Belgium. Apparently at the point of death from infantile paralysis the boy was strapped under a pulmotor, placed in an ambulance and taken to a hospital at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Early Tuesday he was still alive but physicians said if the use of the pulmotor was discontinued, he would die in five minutes.

## Lake Ship Sinks and Six Drown

OSWEGO, N. Y., Sept. 26.—Six members of the crew of the steamer Robert of Oswego were drowned when the vessel foundered in Lake Ontario, it was learned today when three members of the crew reached here exhausted in a life boat.

The boat was partly filled with water and the bow was out. They said they had been afloat for nine hours and that their ship encountered a violent storm, being overwhelmed by the seas. She was loaded with lumber and was caught in a trough of the sea, which caused the cargo to shift, listing her heavily.

## President Votes Straight Ticket

PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 26.—President Wilson came to his old home today to vote in the New Jersey democratic primaries. He motored over from Shadow Lawn, arriving here at 11:30 o'clock and remained only long enough to cast his ballot.

"Woodrow Wilson, No. 14" said the election clerk, as the president voted his ballot in the box. Mr. Wilson voted for democratic candidates for governor, United States senator, congress and local officers.

## Woman Sees Fifth Son Join Army

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 26.—Mrs. E. B. Merriman watched the enlistment today of her fifth son to enter the United States army. He is Joseph B. Merriman, 19 years old. He is the 20th member of Mrs. Merriman's family to serve in the 140 years since the Revolutionary war.

Of the 291 members of her family who have enlisted, one was killed and five were wounded in battle. Some of the number have served in every war in which the nation has engaged.

## Chief of Staff of Greek Army Quits

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Gen. Constantine Moschopoulos, chief of the staff of the Greek army, has resigned, according to a Reuters' dispatch from Athens.

General Moschopoulos commanded the Greek forces at Saloniki at the time of the landing of the Anglo-French expeditionary force. He ordered the troops under his command to salute French and British officers and was generally reported to be friendly to the cause of the allies.

## THERE'S AN OLD-TIME CURE, MR. HANLY, IF ONE'S THROAT IS DRY

RATON, N. M., Sept. 26.—J. Frank Hanly, prohibition candidate for president, is suffering from "candidate's voice" and is finding difficulty in speaking. The address here today when the "dry" special train arrived, was made by Dr. Ira Landrith, candidate for vice president. He characterized as "billy" the argument frequently advanced by saloon interests that more liquor is sold in "dry" states than in "wet."

## POLICE CHARGES DROPPED; STATE OFFICER CURBED

County Dismisses Cases of  
Commissioner Matthews.

### NO JURISDICTION, HELD

Matthews Will Appeal; Zwick  
Follows Supreme Court.

Prosecution of police officers by the state commissioner of charities and corrections was dealt a blow in county court this morning when Judge Zwick dismissed two cases against local police officers on the ground that the commissioner had no jurisdiction in such cases. The decision of the court was announced in the cases of Joe Saunders, Ed Snell and Jim Carter, city detectives who were charged with assaulting R. C. Watson. The information was filed by W. D. Matthews, state commissioner. The same ruling was made to apply in the case against W. B. Nichols, chief of police, and J. S. Osborne, a policeman, who were charged with assaulting Mrs. Mamie Updegraff, a rooming house keeper, on July 22.

### Municipal Attorneys Council.

Municipal Attorneys Shears and Boys appeared as counsel for the officers. When the case was called, the attorneys at once questioned the authority of Commissioner Matthews to prosecute such a case. Their contention was that an action of that kind must be brought by the county attorney or one of his regularly appointed assistants. The attorneys presented a motion to dismiss the case on ground of want of jurisdiction. A demurrer also was offered to the information. Judge Zwick sustained the motion and the demurrer, the latter on ground that the information failed to state public offense and because it was not instituted in the name of the county attorney.

In announcing his decision, Judge Zwick said he followed the decision of the supreme court in the case against McGarrah, who, several years ago, was charged in county court with a misdemeanor.

### Peck Filed Information.

The information against McGarrah was filed by Herbert M. Peck, who was employed by the then county attorney, Sam Hooker, but who was paid by Hooker. He was not one of the regular assistant county attorneys, and on this point the attorneys for the defendant questioned the authority of Peck to prosecute. The supreme court upheld this contention.

As the case against the police officers is a misdemeanor, the supreme court ruling would apply, Judge Zwick said.

The court stated the powers of commissioner of charities and corrections were clearly defined in the statutes, and that he did not have authority to prosecute in cases where the alleged offense occurred outside of the city jail, or one of the institutions over which he has some authority. Nowhere, the court said, did he find where the commissioner had power to prosecute in cases as the kind before him. Such cases must be filed by the county attorney or one of his assistants, he said.

### Matthews Will Appeal.

Commissioner Matthews served notice of appeal from Judge Zwick's ruling in the two cases. County Attorney Embury represented the commissioner. Joe Saunders, a defendant in the first case, is now residence officer under Embury.

## Americans Held in Mexican Town

DEL RIO, Texas, Sept. 26.—Joe Wilmetts of the Livestock National bank of Chicago and George Miers, a resident of Del Rio and owner of a ranch in Mexico, forty miles from the border, were arrested on Miers' ranch and are in jail at Sabina, Mexico, pending payment of a \$10,000 fine, according to word received here today. The information did not explain why the fine was imposed.

## CHICAGO MAN TO EXPOSE TRAP OF BLACKMAIL GANG

Merchant Will Sacrifice Him-  
self for Others.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Announcing that he has concluded to "accept personal humiliation" to save other men and women from being drawn into the blackmailers' trap, Edward R. Wesley, vice president of the C. D. Gregg Tea and Coffee company of New York and Chicago, admitted today that he is the "A. R. Wesley" who was surprised in

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## Governor Condemns Exodus From Farm; Advises Rural Life

### WILLIAMS ISMS.

I HOPE that the price of things to eat never goes down—then these folks who leave the farm to go to town will stay at home and be happy and prosperous and contented.

This world's chief misfortune is discontent. It runs more boys and girls than any other thing.

When a fellow takes the other extreme, though, and becomes so contented that he no longer wants to do anything, he's no good.

Be discontented enough that you are not satisfied with the quality of work you are doing. Then you will progress.

I want the boys and girls of Oklahoma to have good educations. But I don't want those educations to be the kind that make them think work is a disgrace.

There is nothing in the world more respectable or independent than the profession of farming.

When you see a good farm, the farmhouse clean and surrounded by flowers, and the fields in a good state of cultivation—bet your bottom dollar there's a good woman in the house.

## ZEPPELIN RAID OVER ENGLAND COSTS 29 LIVES

Airships Finally Driven Off by  
Air Defenses.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Twenty-nine persons were killed in last night's Zeppelin raid, it was announced officially today.

### Tells True Conditions.

"Don't imagine," he said, "that all town people are prosperous. There is more actual squalor, ignorance and misery in the cities than in the country. Why should a boy or girl wish to leave the farm to come to hot city pavements? Why should anyone leading a comfortable, independent existence on the soil want to become a slave in the machine of the city? I tell you, boys and girls, that the modern farmer is the most independent man in the world—and should be the happiest."

"I cannot emphasize too strongly: Don't go to town unless you are equipped to do something there. I know an elevator boy right here in Oklahoma City who was born on a farm. He told me the other day that he was receiving \$45 a month. He works ten hours a day, and has a wife and two babies. That young man might as well be earning from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a year on an Oklahoma farm. But he came to the city unprepared."

Wants Them Educated.  
"I want the boys and girls of Oklahoma to have good educations," said the governor, "but I don't want them to have educations that make them think work is a disgrace."

Then he explained in a few words the important economic position of the farmer—how he is engaged in the highly important work of keeping bread in the mouths of the world.

"The man, the boy or girl, who raises corn, pigs, poultry, wheat and other food is engaged in a service which not only enriches himself but which makes possible the conduct of the government and the continuation of human life and civilization," he said.

### Is Given Ovation.

At the beginning of Mr. Williams' address and at its close the entire assembly arose to its feet and fairly made the roof of the theater ring with the cry of:

"Rah, rah, rah! Rah, rah, rah! Rah, rah, rah! Governor Bob, Governor Bob, Governor Bob!" These salutations were greeted by the governor with one of his characteristic smiles.

The high cost of living address officially opened the State Fair's annual school for club winners. During the remainder of the week the youngsters will be present at the stock and agricultural judging and will hear addresses delivered by experts both in the fair theater and at various exhibit halls.

### Sleep in Dormitories.

Last night the greater number of the clubsters slept in dormitories erected on the fair grounds. Showers and all conveniences except porter service have been provided. A few were entertained by friends and relatives in the city. Miss Emma Chandler of Stillwater, agent in charge of girls' demonstration work, is official chaperon for the feminine guests of the

### AUTOS WANTED TO GIVE JOY RIDE TO VISITING TULSANS

A CALL has been issued for volunteer automobilists to tender their cars and services at 10:45 o'clock Thursday morning so that Tulsa's State Fair visiting delegation may be given a joy-ride through Oklahoma City.

A splendid route, to consume about forty-five minutes or an hour, has been mapped by Harry F. Bradburn of the Chamber of Commerce, who asks that all volunteers report to him via telephone, Walnut 7720, so he may know what to rely upon.

The autos are requested to assemble at the Lee-Huckins hotel at 10:45 whether their owners report their intentions or not, so there may be ample provision for the pleasure and sight-seeing jaunt.